

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

transitioning a central processing unit of a computer system into a low power mode, the system having a memory, a disk drive unit, and a shared database, the database to store at least a partial copy of data stored in the disk drive unit; and

~~after the processor has transitioned into the low power mode, a low-~~
power subsystem wirelessly

accessing, independent of the CPU, data contained within the shared database of the computing system, the low-power subsystem
further comprising ~~via~~ a speech recognition unit ~~of a low-power~~
~~subsystem to process verbal instructions received from a user.~~
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the data contained in the shared database includes multimedia data.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising accessing data from a network via the low-power subsystem.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the network is accessed using a wireless interface.
6. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the network is an electronic store allowing an electronic purchase.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
presenting the data accessed to the user.
8. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the data is presented via an audio medium.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the data is displayed.
10. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
a central processing unit (CPU);
a memory device coupled to the central processing unit;

a disk drive unit coupled to the central processing unit;
shared database coupled to the disk drive unit, the database to store at
least a partial copy of data stored on the disk drive; and
~~a verbal user interface to receive verbal instructions from a user; and~~
a low-power subsystem having a processing unit and a wireless interface
to wirelessly access data, independent of the CPU, from the
database when the CPU central processing unit enters a low power
mode, the low-power subsystem further comprising a speech
recognition unit to process verbal instructions received from a user
~~a low-power subsystem having a shared database to store at least a~~
~~partial copy of data stored in the memory device, a voice~~
~~recognition unit to interface with the verbal user interface, and a~~
~~processor to access the shared database, the low-power subsystem~~
~~in operation when the central processing unit enters a low power~~
~~mode.~~

11. (Cancelled)
12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein data contained within the shared database includes multimedia data.

13. (Original) The system of claim 10, further comprising a wireless network interface.
14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the wireless network interface connects with a local area network.
15. (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein the wireless network interface connects with a wide area network.
16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10, ~~further~~ wherein the low-power subsystem further comprisesing a video display to display data from the shared database.
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, ~~further~~ wherein the low-power subsystem further comprisesing an audio headset to ~~receive~~ provide audio data transmitted from the ~~wireless verbal user~~ interfacesystem.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, ~~further wherein the low-power subsystem further comprises~~ a cellular phone to receive data transmitted from the wireless user interface of the system.
20. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable storage medium tangibly embodying a sequence of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method comprising:
transitioning a central processing unit (CPU) of a computer system into a low power mode, the system having a memory, a disk drive unit, and a shared database, the database to store at least a partial copy of data stored in the disk drive unit; and
a low-power subsystem wirelessly accessing, independent of the CPU, data contained within the shared database of the computer system, the low-power subsystem further comprising a speech recognition unit to process verbal instructions received from a user~~after the processor has transitioned into the low power mode, accessing data contained within the shared database of the computing system, via a speech recognition unit of a low power subsystem.~~
21. (Cancelled)

22. (Original) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 20, wherein the data contained in the computing system includes multimedia data.
23. (Original) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 20, further comprising accessing data from a network via the low-power subsystem.
24. (Original) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 23, wherein the network is accessed using a wireless interface.
25. (Original) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 23, wherein the network is an electronic store allowing an electronic purchase.
26. (Original) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 20, further comprising:

presenting the data accessed to a user.
27. (Original) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 26, wherein the data is presented via an audio medium.
28. (Original) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 26, wherein the data is displayed.